Shortage of Officials in CBI

2489. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), India's premier investigative agency, is in deep distress;

(b) whether it is also a fact that though demands on it continue to grow, it faces a severe shortage of officers and field staff to dispense with existing investigations, besides handling new cases which has hindered its efforts to secure convictions;

(c) whether it is also a fact that at least 2000 cases are still pending for investigations and it has decided to be choosy; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to fill the shortfall of officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The CBI is able to deal with its existing investigations besides handling new arrivals inspite of the fact that there are 1001 vacancies against a total sanctioned strength of 5885 in all its ranks and the demands on CBI are continually growing.

(c) As on 31.7.2004, there are 1555 cases pending for investigation.

(d) Filling up vacancies by recruitment/promotion/deputation etc., is an ongoing process involving different procedures which consume time. All out efforts are being made to fill up the vacancies.

Illegal allotment of government land to **educational society**

2490. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI has since completed its investigation into illegal allotment of Government land to educational society by the Vice-Chairman of DDA and his other colleagues;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any charge-sheet has been submitted against those officials and if so, the details thereof and if not, by when it is likely to be filed?